

# FORMER PRISON TALKS OF PRISON LIFE—AND AFTER

Al Jennings Relates How Par-  
don Was Obtained and Why  
He Was Defeated for Gov-  
ernor.

BY JAMES GABELLE.

The Memphis board of censors Wednesday issued a "ban" on showing in this city, alleging that the reputation of the author would have a bad effect upon the generation. Al Jennings, a former outcast, was present to plead his case but the board was adamant. John M. Dean and Mrs. J. Ellis opposed it. Jennings, a third member of the board, was unavailably absent.

"While I greatly regret the action of the board, I am helpless," Mr. Jennings declared. "The picture has a distinct ethical appeal and as such would have a wide influence for good. The board condemned the picture, not on its merits or lack of them, but as the members admitted that they had not seen it, but entirely upon my reputation, a reputation that I am trying my utmost to bury—if the world will permit me. Such actions as the Memphis board show how hard it is to go straight."

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"Once in a while when a man like Julian Hawthorne tells the world of the Conzack treatment meted out to defenseless men, there is a momentary stir but all too soon it is forgotten. We need a different system of discipline. The present one is a relic of the dark ages and makes criminals instead of curing them. I would rather be a train robber and an ex-convict than the average politician. The train robber is much the more honest in comparison."

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# Feminists Say Male Jury Will Acquit Clara Hamon

BY MILDRED MORRIS.  
(International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, accused of slaying Jake L. Hamon, Oklahoma politician and oil king, is fortunate in that the laws of her state prohibit her being tried by a jury of women, as she desires, according to a number of women lawyers in Washington.

Women, commonly regarded as the more emotional and sentimental of the species, are without the quality of mercy when judging members of their own sex, according to these women lawyers. They predicted that Mrs. Hamon would receive the highest penalty if tried by women.

"If I were facing trial I would not take chances with a jury of women," said Rosalie Jones, who led the famous suffrage hike from Albany, N. Y., to Washington in the days when Alice Paul was rallying the militant sisterhood to battle. Still a militant at heart, she is practicing law in Washington.

"Mrs. Hamon will be acquitted if tried by a jury of men," she continued.

JONES SEES JOKE.

Jones met his friend Stimson in the street the other night. "Hello, old fellow," he exclaimed. "How are you getting on?"

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ued. "Men are swayed entirely by sentiment in judging women. When women are called upon to pass judgment on one of their own sex who has been tried by a jury of women, they are cold to sentiment and are perfectly relentless."

"If I were a male culprit I should prefer trial before a jury of women. A man would be able to make the same sentimental appeal to a jury of women as a woman does facing a jury of men."

There are psychological and other reasons for "woman's immunity to women," according to Helen Greeley, of New York, who appeared for the army nurses when they conducted their fight in congress for military rank.

"When women were in a subjugated state," said Mrs. Greeley, "the only competition they were permitted to engage in was for the favors of the male. They still regard one another as sex competitors and will continue to do so until they are fully freed and are fully conscious of their status of equality. To this sex competition I certainly attribute their merciless attitude when judging members of their own sex who transgress the moral laws."

## Dorothy Gish And Constance Talmadge In Double Wedding

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The marriage of Constance Talmadge, motion picture actress, to John Piaggio, New York tobacco merchant, was announced here. The ceremony took place at Greenwich, Conn., last Sunday in the presence of the bride's mother and her two sisters, Norma and Nellie.

Dorothy Gish, also a motion picture actress, and a friend of Miss Talmadge, was married at the same time and place to James Rennie, an actor. Each couple acted as attendants to the other.

## Find 100 Bottles Of Booze In Engines

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 30.—Forces of Sheriff W. H. Holcombe, Jr., found 100 bottles of whisky hidden in the flues of the engines of the United States shipping board steamer Lake Como. The vessel had arrived here from Teia, Honduras, and a search by custom officials revealed only 10 bottles of whisky not on the ship's manifest. Five members of the crew of the steamer were arrested and charged with violating the prohibition law.

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# REFUSES DEMANDS MADE BY GOODWYN INSTITUTE BOARD

Water Commission Declines to Refund Part of Bonus Paid It for Giving Up Lease. Employees Insured.

By unanimous vote the Memphis water commission Wednesday afternoon refused the demand of the trustees of Goodwyn institute, made through C. C. Ogilvie, the superintendent, for \$1,555.46, which Mr. Ogilvie claimed was due as a refund on the bonus of \$10,000 paid the commission for surrendering its lease in Goodwyn institute. The case had one year longer to run.

According to members of the commission, they agreed to surrender their lease upon payment of the bonus, which was given to reimburse the commission for the expense of moving and for rent for the year they would be compelled to pay, as their lease in Goodwyn institute was at a very low figure. The commission, according to its members, agreed to vacate by Sept. 1, provided it could do so, but attention was called to the fact that conditions were unsettled, construction and repair work were slow and uncertain, and that they might be compelled to overstay this time.

They stated Mr. Ogilvie agreed to this. The commission actually moved on or about Nov. 1. Later, Sanford Morison, secretary of the commission, received a letter from Mr. Ogilvie, with a bill for rent for the two months of September and October, and a demand that the commission pay the additional \$1,555.46 as a refund on the bonus. Mr. Morison sent Mr. Ogilvie a check for the two months' rent, but declined to pay the additional amount. The check was returned, with a letter from Mr. Ogilvie reiterating his demand for the additional funds.

Award Insurance.

He stated that Judge C. N. Burch, recently appointed trustee of Goodwyn institute, would take the matter up with the commission, and M. J. Anderson, of the commission, said that he believed that when Judge Burch heard the commission's side of the case he would agree that the demand for payment be dropped. The commission awarded the insurance of its employees to the Equitable Life Assurance society of having the lowest and best bid of the five submitted. The annual premium bid by the Equitable was \$1,742.40, with a 4 per cent discount for payment in cash. The commission voted to pay in cash and save the discount. Negro employees will be insured for half the amount of the whites, or, in other words, the maximum on negroes will be \$1,000, whereas on the whites it will be \$2,000.

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The work on the north side is of such a nature that it will require some time to complete. Meanwhile the public will be subjected to some inconvenience. Mulberry and South Second streets, which intersect Calhoun near the Union depot, will be closed to keep traffic off of Calhoun. They will be closed at Butler avenue, except to traffic destined for points on the closed streets between Butler and Calhoun avenues.

The north street car tracks have already been ripped up and a re-routing of cars made to facilitate street car traffic over the one-way track. Outbound Suburban cars follow the old route along Calhoun, but on the inbound trip they follow Iowa avenue west from Rayburn to Main and thence north to the city. One Union depot car will turn east on Union off Main and follow Union to Third, to Rayburn, to Main. The other will make the reverse trip.

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